



January 15, 2004

Ms. Christy Brown, RCRA Project Manager
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Subject: **January 15, 2004, Progress Report**
J.H. BAXTER ARLINGTON FACILITY
Docket No. RCRA-10-2001-0086

Dear Ms. Brown:

This letter provides the January 15, 2004, progress report for work under the Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) for the J.H. Baxter & Co. (Baxter) facility during the period from December 15, 2003, to January 15, 2004.

Significant Developments This Period

This section discusses significant developments for the referenced reporting period, including actions performed and any problems encountered relative to work required by the AOC. Significant developments that occurred on this project during this reporting period are outlined below:

- On December 19, 2003, Baxter submitted to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Stand-Alone Data Document (SADD) in accordance with the conditions provided in the AOC.

Anticipated Developments Next Period

This section discusses developments anticipated during the next reporting period, as outlined below:



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- Baxter will conduct groundwater sampling in accordance with requirements of the SI, SWDP, and closed woodwaste landfill monitoring program. In addition the three new monitoring wells installed in September 2003, as part of the SI will be sampled during this period.
- Baxter will continue to implement elements of the SI Work Plan, including database compilation and data evaluation.

Anticipated Problems and Problem Resolution

This section discusses anticipated problems, and planned resolution of past or anticipated problems.

No new problems or issues have been identified at the facility, other than those mentioned in previous progress reports.

Other Information


Any other information relevant to the AOC is discussed in this section, including results of any sampling or testing completed within the reporting period.

- On December 30, 2003, Baxter submitted to WA State Department of Ecology (Ecology), an Application for a Wastewater Discharge Permit for Discharge of Industrial Wastewater to Ground Water for use towards renewal of the State Waste Discharge Permit (SWDP).
- On December 30, 2003, Baxter revised the Oil Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures Plan in accordance with conditions of the SWDP.
- On December 30, 2003, Baxter revised the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan in accordance with conditions of the SWDP.
- Baxter will continue excess stormwater treatment in accordance with the approved phased approach for stormwater management.

Certification

I certify that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to evaluate the information submitted. I certify that the information contained in or accompanying this submittal is true, accurate and complete. As to those identified portions(s) of this submittal for which I cannot personally verify the accuracy, I certify that this submittal and all attachments were prepared in accordance with procedures designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gathered and evaluated the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system or those

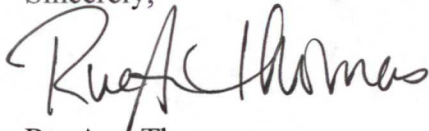
directly responsible for gathering the information, or the immediate supervisor of such person(s), the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

Signature: 

Name: RueAnn Thomas
Title: Environmental Programs Director
Date: January 15, 2004

We trust this letter meets the intent of the Progress Report per Paragraph 71 of the AOC. If you have any questions, please contact me at (541) 689-3801.

Sincerely,



RueAnn Thomas
Environmental Programs Director

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